

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 93-410-C - ORDER NO. 93-810 ✓
SEPTEMBER 2, 1993

IN RE:	Application of Ridgeway Telephone)	ORDER APPROVING
	Company for Extraordinary Retirement)	EXTRAORDINARY
	of Switching Equipment.)	RETIREMENT

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Ridgeway Telephone Company (Ridgeway) for extraordinary retirement of certain STEP Dial Equipment and STEP Toll Equipment, both of which are part of Ridgeway's STEP switching equipment. Ridgeway requests a four (4) year retirement for its dial equipment which Ridgeway asserts would depreciate over a 3.55 year period in any event. In addition, Ridgeway requests a four (4) year retirement for its toll equipment which Ridgeway asserts would depreciate over a 4.30 year period in any event.

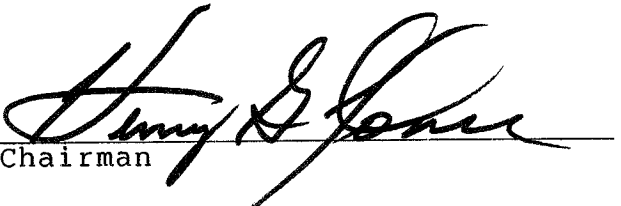
On July 12, 1993, the Commission's Executive Director instructed Ridgeway to cause to be published, one time, a prepared Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas. The Notice of Filing indicated the nature of Ridgeway's request and advised all interested parties of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings to enable

participation in the scheduled proceedings. Ridgeway thereafter furnished proof of publication of the prepared Notice of Filing. The Commission received no protests or petitions to intervene in this matter.

Upon review of Ridgeway's Application, the Commission finds and concludes that Ridgeway's request to amortize the unrecovered cost of certain of its STEP Dial Equipment and STEP Toll Equipment over four (4) years should be and hereby is granted. Thus, the Commission will require Ridgeway to amortize the extraordinary retirement cost of \$52,675.13 for STEP Dial Equipment and the extraordinary retirement cost of \$52,673.96 for STEP Toll Equipment over four (4) years without a return on the unamortized portion. This order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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